

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## CAN ONE FALL FROM GRACE

**Disobedience Caused Saul's Downfall, Judas Also Fell From Grace**

Can one fall from grace? I think they can, as the Bible is very plain on that subject. We want to notice some of the characters in God's Book. Let us notice for a little while, King Saul of Israel. We will admit that God did not want Israel to have a king, but these people prevailed against good old Samuel until God told him to anoint Israel's first king. The first time Saul's name is mentioned in the Bible is 1st Sam. 9th chapter, 2d verse. It will be hard to find a better foundation to start with than this young man had. The first time we find the young man doing wrong will be found in the 13th chapter and 9th verse, where he made himself a priest. We see by this time that this young man let pride creep into his heart. Please read 1st Sam. 15, and we will find this young man disobeying God and not carrying out His Word, in requesting killing all the Amalekites. As we see in this chapter that he saved Agag, their king, and saved part of their sheep and oxen to do sacrifice unto the Lord. We find in this chapter where Saul tried to repent but it was not from his heart. For we find in verse 30, that he asked Samuel to honor him before the elders, "before my people and before Israel." We find this young King now being rebellious and finally committed suicide. You will find this in 1st Sam. 31:4.

Our second character will be King Solomon. Nowhere in all history can we find a man with a greater character than this man had. He was also very humble to start with. Reading the life of this great character, God showed him many favors. He may have done this for David's sake, as we know that the Bible speaks of David as a man after God's own heart. One of the first places we find in sacred history after Solomon was made king that he was to build a temple. We also find nowhere in all history anything like it. It would be too hard to tell the cost. Why I say this is that Solomon worked thousands and thousands of men for seven years in building this temple. Also the building and the material to build it was gathered from all parts of the world, and it was hewn out of the forest and brought to Jerusalem. Not a sound nor a noise of a tool was heard in all of its building. I want you to turn with me to the 8th chapter of 1st Kings and please read the entire chapter. This gives an account of the dedication of the temple, Solomon's blessings upon it, also his prayer. Now to insure it God puts His approval upon his prayer. Also read 2d Chron. 7:1. Also read in the 10th chapter following, how God honored him before the Queen of Sheba until there was no spirit left within her. And she said, "Happy are the men, happy are the servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the Lord thy God which delight in thee to set thee on the throne of Israel, because God loves Israel forever. For made he king to do judgment and justice. Now please turn to 1st King 11:1-13. This chapter explains why Solomon fell from grace. The act that Solomon did was to marry into a heathen nation, which God had forbidden all thru Israel's time. We find in this chapter where this man stood so high, so noble before God. We now see him bowing down to stocks and stones and worshipping false gods, also with seven hundred wives. Now do you think any man can keep God in his heart and be married to that many women? You see this is the fall of this great king and that is why I believe he fell from grace. What became of him is not for me to say but we cannot find anywhere in the Bible where he ever repented from this great wrong. We find where Jesus said, Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3.

Our third character was Judas Iscariot, one of the Master's chosen disciples. We find this man ordained to go out and preach the Gospel, and is given the same authority and power as either of the Twelve had; to cast out demons, restore sight to the blind, heal all manner of diseases. As I see, it seems as if Jesus was a little partial to Judas, as He made him secretary and treasurer of the Twelve. Judas was all right until he got his eyes off Jesus and his eyes on the bag. No wonder the Apostle Paul said, The

## A Rheumatic For 24 Years — God Healed

SHELBURN, Ind.—I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me. He saved my soul from sin, sanctified me and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost, praise His name forever! I have been in this good way for five years. I have been a sufferer of rheumatism for 24 yrs. The good Lord healed me the 14th day of this month. I have loved ones out in sin. I request the prayers of God's people that they might be saved before it is too late. Pray also for me, that I may always stay humble and do the Lord's will. Your sister in Christ. — Mrs. Martha Werth.

## HUNGRY FOR SALVATION

MIDDLESEX, N. C. (Jan. 3)—I wish to tell the Evangel readers of how the Lord healed my baby four years of age, of fever last Monday. She was feeling bad and Monday night had a hot fever. I was afraid she was going to have the flu. I prayed and asked the Lord to heal her. Tuesday morning the fever was gone and she has been getting on all right since. I want the saints that read this to pray for me to get salvation. I believe holiness is the right way to heaven.—Mrs. Velma Winters.

## Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—I want to keep my promise to God. I promised Him if He would heal my husband of the flu I would praise Him for it, for truly saints, the Lord healed him so wonderfully. He was very bad off, but we held on to God until the victory came. We fasted on Friday and prayed and Jesus showed me He was going to heal him that day, so that evening the Lord did heal him, and then the devil tried to afflict him and make him worse again, but I held on to God's unchanging hand, knowing that it was done, and thank God, he was healed and has now gone back to work again. I give God all the praise. The Lord has healed us many times. He is my doctor at all times, and I am trusting Him for both soul and body. Truly I thank the Lord for being justified by faith, sanctified thru the blood of Jesus and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. Yours in the Lord.—Mrs. Elsie Gates, 1315 N. 8th St.

## Encouraged To Go On

AUGUSTA, Ga. — I am praising God for healing. I want to sound a note of praise to God for healing my little girl. She was sick with hot fevers. Brother Newman and myself prayed for her and God wonderfully healed her, and I am giving Him the praise for it. I also praise Him for saving me from sin, not in sin, but from sin, and sanctifying me and filling me with the Holy Ghost, bless His name! I am not discouraged at all, but feel like going on in this good way, for I know the same power that saved me can keep me all the way. So I am enjoying this salvation for it has been the happiest time of my life, thank God, because He has taken all worldly desires from my heart and filled it with His sweet love. I want all who read this to please pray for my unsaved husband that he will give up and be saved, for I do need his help so much towards training my little girl for God's glory. Pray much for me, that God will make me the mother I ought to be, so I can teach my little girl the right way. I mean to go all the way with Jesus, so pray that I will stay humble at the feet of Jesus where He can use me to His will. A sister in Christ Jesus.—Callie Attaway.

## Hold High The Blood-Stained Banner

LUMBER CITY, Ga.—God's grace is sufficient. I want to praise God for His healing power. I was taken ill and was so very bad off until I thought I could not bear the suffering, but God's grace was sufficient. I did not have any saints to pray for me, but God knew my heart. I told Him if He would heal me I would testify, so I am much better and want every saint to pray a prayer of faith, that I will be made whole. Let us all hold up the blood-stained banner. Your sister in Christ.—Mrs. Annie Dowdy.

## Jesus' Coming To Reign on Earth

S. W. Latimer

In a previous issue we touched on the coming to catch away. Quite often people get the Scriptures mixed. We believe that Jesus will come to catch away His bride. The Scriptures we gave in our last piece prove this. We also believe that He will come to reign on earth a thousand years. After the bride and the guests to the marriage supper have been caught up to meet the Lord, there will be seven years of great tribulations such as were not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be. "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be." Matt. 24:21.

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Matt. 25:31, 32.

We believe that these verses strictly apply to His coming to reign a thousand years. We believe that the great tribulations will last for seven years. When the church age will end and the seven years begin, is nowhere revealed. The duration can't be but seven years. We believe that the beast will come first as the church is raptured, according to Rev. 6:2. "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer." Now we are sure that this verse applies to the beast and that he will make a covenant with the Jews. They will receive Him as their Christ.

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." Dan. 9:27.

This verse fully describes the beast covenant with the Jews. The Jews will be deceived. He will make them think that he is the Messiah, but in the midst of the week, the first three and one half years, this beast will change his attitude. He will first come with a lamb-like spirit and will deceive those who are left upon the earth.

And in the latter time of their kingdom when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand." Dan. 8:23-25.

We believe that this fully describes the awful deception that the beast will wield over the worldly powers, but in the midst of this week he will change the order of the temple service and will demand that the Jews worship according to his ideas. He will try to force them to offer on the altar for sacrifice, the abominable things.

History tells us that Antiochus Epiphanes was the greatest persecutor of the Jews. He tried to make the

Jews offer hog meat on the altars, which they refused to do, and he had them killed by the thousands. With this awful beast will arise all the power of the first, and in the midst of the week he will be so cruel that the Jews will break their covenant with him. The two prophets will come and bring a Holy Ghost message to the Jews and they will accept the Gospel and thousands of them will be slain by the beast for their rebellion.

The great tribulations will continue for three and one half years after the covenant is broken with him by the Jews. There will be great disturbances. All the armies of the world will be gathered at Jerusalem, there to overcome the Jews and those who rebelled against this beastly power. Just as the Antichrist has power to destroy the two prophets and to kill all those who are not sealed by God's power, right at the end of the seven years, Jesus will come on the clouds of Heaven, with all the host of Heaven with Him, and will destroy all the enemies of righteousness, with the brightness of His coming. In other words, there will be such consternation and excitement at His coming to reign a thousand years that the wicked on earth will slay one another.

"And then shall that Wicked One be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thess. 2:8-10.

This predicts the final destruction of the Gentile world powers. After they are gathered at Jerusalem to fight against God's people, Jesus will come and destroy them.

Referring to Matt. 25:31: After the beast has run his course and has deceived the people, and even the Jews for a short period, Jesus will come and gather all nations before Him, as He sits on His Father David's throne. Now, if you will notice, this is in the plural. It is nations and not individuals spoken of. These sheep nations will be those who have been kind to God's people, the Jews, for Jesus said, as oft as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. When Jesus speaks of His brethren, He always has reference to the Jews.

During the great tribulation, when all nations will be gathered at Jerusalem there will be many Christian nations that will administer to the Jews in their afflictions, visiting them while they are in prison, giving them food and clothes, but the goat nations who hate the Jews, will be termed as those who are cursed. After this judgment, Jesus will set up His thousand years reign, bringing all the host of Heaven with Him. This will be a great and glorious time for all those who have lived so they will merit this blessing.

There are two great classes, pre and post millennial. The pre-millennialist teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ will return to earth, overthrow the satanic power of ungodly governments, establish a kingdom of righteousness and have a reign of a thousand years of peace with His church and all the raptured saints, and with the Jews who were sealed and blessed of God and with all those who gave their

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## Observed The Lord's Supper

SPARTANBURG, S. C. (Jan. 17, 1929)—I want to praise the Lord for victory tonight. He saved me from sin, sanctified me thru His precious blood and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost, which sweetly abides tonight. I praise Him for His healing power. I promised the Lord about two weeks ago if He would heal me I would testify thru the Evangel, but I did not then, so I took the flu yesterday and was in bed most all day today, but our pastor, Brother Smith came and we had prayer and the Lord healed me and I arose shouting. I want to thank the Lord for the Church of God here. There are just a few of us but the Lord meets with us every time we meet to worship. We had the Lord's Supper Sunday night and feet washing. The Lord wonderfully blest us. Please pray for the church here. —Mrs. Minnie Steadman.

## Surely It Will Not Be Long

THOMASVILLE, Ala. (Dec. 17, 1928)—With much sorrow and regret, no doubt many hundreds and perhaps thousands of the Evangel readers read the announcement of our dear Brother Lee's death. Truly it can be said, A prince has fallen in Israel, for like Moses and Joshua of old, he led the host faithfully onward from victory to victory against every foe, he looked up to God, his mighty Conqueror, and steadily and unwavering this man of God kept his head above the waves. Many beautiful diadems I believe will bedeck his bright and glorious crown in that day when our blessed Savior will gather His jewels home. Many will rise up and call him blessed, though our faithful brother and leader has laid his armour down. We could say of him, like Paul, he has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, henceforth there was laid up for him a crown, hallelujah! And our earnest prayer should be that we live the life for Jesus and be ready when He comes, to meet Him in the air. Dear sorrowing ones, look up beyond this vale, into the cloudless sky, where your loved one sweetly waits, just inside the pearly gates, for it will not be long. Methinks I hear our Savior say, My Bride is almost ready, and soon, very soon, He can say, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, to every host, come away with me, for 'tis near the break of day." Then loved ones and friends will be reunited; no farewells will be spoken up there as we are carried on clouds of glory with our precious Savior so dear.—Yours in the Master's service.—Mrs. J. W. Lowery.

## SEEKING HER BAPTISM

GLEN MORRISON, W. Va. (Jan. 25, 1929)—I wish to sound a note of praise thru the Church of God Evangel for the healing of my baby. On Sunday night before Christmas he had been real sick for three days and two nights. I gave him a little medicine, but it was not God's will for the medicine to heal him. I asked God to heal my baby and some of the saints also had special prayer for him and I praise God's precious name, my baby was able to play the next morning and I want to say God will hear and answer prayer to all that ask in faith believing. I want the prayers of all that read this that I may get to a place where I can be humble enough to receive sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, as I am just in a saved state, and am a member of the Church of God.—Mrs. A. M. Delp.

## Determined to Press On

MELROSE, N. Mex. (Dec. 26, 1928)—I am thanking and praising the good Lord for what He is to me and my family. He has healed in our home several times. Our baby has had something like the flu. The Lord has healed him. He was coughing terribly but we did not have a doctor, we trusted the Lord with him and He has healed him. I intend to go on and be ready when He comes or calls. There are just three of us out here that believe this way and it is hard to stand, but I intend to go on, and I want all the praying people to pray for us that we may be true. Pray that we may have a church here. Your brother and sister in Christ.—Mr. and Mrs. Dock Smith, Box 253.

## THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

**Paul Declared We Are Members of His body, of His flesh and bones**

Lorena Cotton

The first bride (or wife) we read of in the Bible, was Eve, and she was the bride (or wife) of the first man Adam. At 1 Cor. 15:45, Jesus is called the second, or last man Adam. Eph. 1:22, 23, says, "And (God) hath put all things under his (Jesus') feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." Eph. 5:23, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church." Col. 1:18, "And he is the head of the body, the church."

Now at Gen. 2:21 we find that the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and He took one of his ribs, and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made her a woman, and brought her unto the man. V. 23, "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." So we find that Adam's wife (or bride) was taken out of his body.

We find in 1 Cor. 15:45 that the first man was Adam and the last man a quickening spirit. V. 47 says that the second Adam was the Lord from heaven, and we know the Bible teaches that the second Adam is Jesus. The first man Adam declares that his wife (bride) was taken from his body, so the bride of Christ will be taken out of His body, the church. Paul declares at Eph. 5:30, that we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. Some people think the whole church will be the bride, but that does not accord with the Bible. The church is His body, and according to the Scriptures, the bride is to be taken out of the church, His body.

A marriage supper is always composed of others beside the bridegroom and bride. The Bible speaks of the friend of the bridegroom who rejoices at the voice of the bridegroom. Job 3:29. The wise virgins in Matt. 25, and elsewhere, cannot be the bride. Let's turn to Psa. 45, in which we find the marriage of Jesus typified by the marriage of Solomon. First the Psalmist speaks of his might, glory, majesty, truth and righteousness, then of his arrows being sharp in the heart of the king's enemies, and so on down to the ninth verse, "King's daughters were among thy honorable women." We notice that he uses the plural number, daughters. Then the queen (the bride) stood on his right hand in gold of Ophir (proverbially known as the finest, best), and in verse 13 we find, "The king's daughter (not daughters) is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She (not they) shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow (come after) her shall be brought unto thee." These virgins represent the five wise virgins spoken of in Matt. 25:2. Psa. 45:15, "With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace." "There are three score queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her." Song of Solomon 6:8,9. So we see there is a difference between the queen and queens. The queen is the choice one and by reading the Scriptures we find that she sat on the throne by the king at times. 1 Kings 2:19. The one that bare her made a choice between her and the others that were born of her. There must be more than one before a choice can be made.

At John 3:29 John the Baptist speaks of the friend of the bridegroom. Jesus (the bridegroom) says, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14. But they are not the queen, nor virgins, but friends of the bridegroom, so we know that all who are at the marriage supper are not the bride, but are those who have honored the invitation enough to come to the supper and put the wedding garment on. In Matt. 22:11, 12 we find a fellow who had not honored the invitation enough to put on the wedding garment, and so he was thrust out. In Matt. 22:14 we read that many are called to this marriage supper, but few are chosen, just those

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## To All The Churches

Our new drive began March 1st. We will give a report of the churches that pay their quota, each month. The first report will be April 1st. We earnestly request all the churches to cooperate with us in this drive, for the money is badly needed right at this time. We want to try to pay off the loan and indemnity first. We highly appreciate the way the people have borne with us, especially those who have loans. If you will still bear with us, we are sure that during this year some time, we will be able to pay the certificates off. —S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.



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## EDITORIALS

Springtime is almost here and there will be many opportunities to organize new Sunday Schools. We are very sorry that we are unable to supply the new schools with free literature for the 1st quarter, but you may be able to get help from your State or District Treasurer. Please advise with your State Overseer with regard to this matter.

We are publishing obituaries, requests, notices and reports, as fast as we can, but are behind with all other articles for the paper. So if you do not see your testimony as soon as you think you should, do not get discouraged and think that we are slighting you, for we are not, intentionally. We want you to continue to send them in, for it makes us to know that the Lord is blessing you. Some articles we have to keep for some time before publishing them, but remember friends that we are glad to have them on hands so that when they are needed we may use them.

A good revival is on in South Cleveland, souls are getting to God. Brother George Lemons, the pastor, and Brother Curtis are in the lead. The Lord is surely honoring them with His presence.

The General Overseer is now in Florida, and on his way to the Bahamas Islands.

Good reports are coming from many of the churches. This speaks to be a good year for the Church of God. We should humble ourselves and thank and praise Him as we have never done before. Surely the Lord is gracious to us.

Orders for Sunday School literature are coming in rapidly, and we are filling them as fast as we can. All who have sent their orders should get their literature in plenty of time for the first of the Quarter. We thank you for ordering early, as it is a great help to the Publishing House.

## THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

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who had the wedding garment, and this wedding garment is the robe of righteousness which is provided for us by the blood of Jesus. All we have to do is to put it on by faith in His blood and repentance toward God, and then keep this robe clean by faith in the blood, and obedience, avoiding even the appearance of evil, keeping our garments spotless from anything that will defile. Song of Solomon 1:5, "I am black, but comely." Why? Verse 6 says, "Because the sun hath looked upon me (sunburned)," that is, she (the Queen) had labored more than her sisters. You find this in the latter part of verse 6. Some think this was Solomon and that he was black, but this refers to the bride. The bride of Christ, the bridegroom, labors more than others, for the establishment of the kingdom of the bridegroom. This is typified in Song of Solomon 1:5, but we learn that though she had labored much, she was comely (beautiful), because the beauty of the Lord was upon her. Now let us not get the idea that God has respect of her sons. No, He has set a standard for the bride, virgins, friends and all other classes spoken of in the Bible and if your experience is up to the standard for the bride, you will be placed there, and if your experience comes up to that of a virgin you will be placed there, and so on. God knows just where we belong and there is no respect of persons, nor partiality with God, but we must have on the robe of righteousness or we will be cast out into darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt. 22:13. So we learn from God's Word that not all of the church is the bride, but the bride of Christ comes out of His body, the church.

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love of money is the root of all evil. I believe this was Judas' weak place (money), and as we know has been the downfall of many. Some will say that God fore-ordained and predestined Judas for this specific place. This would be unjust with God for this man to be created for this place, as God has said too plainly in His Word that He is no respecter of persons. What makes me feel like that, Judas had salvation to start with. We find in Acts 1:25 that Judas, by transgression fell. I think that is enough to prove that Judas had the same experience that the other apostles had. We find in God's Word from Genesis to Revelation where it says, "Take heed lest ye fall." These three characters prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that a man can fall from grace. Now I want you to turn to the 25th chapter of Matthew and read with me from the 15th verse to the 30th. You will find in this parable where a man called three of his servants and delivered unto them his goods. Unto one he gave five talents, to one two, and to the other one he gave one talent. Straightway took his journey. He that had received five made five, he that received two made two, and he that received one went and hid his Lord's money. After a long time the lord of these servants cometh and reckoneth with them. We find where the man who had received five had gained other five. His lord said, Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things I will make you ruler over many. Enter into the joys of thy lord. The man that received two talents also gained other two, and the lord pronounced the same blessing upon him. But the servant with one talent went and said, Lord I knew thou wast a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, gathering where thou hast not strewed, and I was afraid and went and hid the talent in the earth. Lo there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, one cannot be a servant of Jesus unless he knows Him. We find in the 30th verse where Jesus says, Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. I hope this is plain enough to any one, that a man can fall from grace and lose out with God.—W. W. Hatton, Nocatee, Fla.

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## Regrets Not Knowing The Way Sooner

ELDORADO, Ill.—I want to try to tell how I was brought in this way, and how I ever learned of holiness and the great Church of God. As the Lord healed me of flu, the devil, umph on me and afflicted my throat but the Lord healed it. I could hardly swallow so I went to the church where they prayed for me and anointed me with oil and the Lord healed my throat. It is wonderful! I take the Lord for my healer and my all in all.

When He saved me, He healed me of diseases that doctors had never healed me of. I took my bed in March before I was saved, and couldn't move any part of my body except my arms from my elbows down, and roll my head. Doctors would come, two at a time, and would consult together and do all they knew to do for me. They kept that up until they saw they had played the game as far as they could, and had made about as big a butt as they thought they could make, so they told husband they could do me any good, that nothing would do me any good except an operation and that I couldn't stand an operation. I lay there until the first of July. Husband had another doctor to treat me. He said if he didn't do me any good, that he wouldn't charge me anything. He treated me for about a week and gave up the case. Husband sent me to Little Rock, Ark. to the hospital. They operated on me and I got along fine. In two weeks I came home and mother, nor husband, nor the children didn't know me. Some of my neighbors didn't know me I looked so much better.

I got along fine for about a year or a little longer when I became very ill with the same disease. The doctor said I would have to go back to the hospital for another operation. I said, no I won't, for that was already the fourth operation and I said I would just suffer and die for one operation calls for another. I went on and was up and down. Some times I was not able to do my little bit of work. My two little boys had to do all of it. They were about ten and eight years of age. Husband had to work day and night to make a living and pay the doctor bills. We had to call the doctor about two or three times a week. It was hard but husband didn't say a word about it. A Pentecostal preacher moved close to me. I didn't know anything about holiness though I always did believe in heartfelt religion. In belief I was a Methodist and I always wanted to live good and go to Heaven when I died. I would go to meeting anywhere and would feel the Lord dealing with me. Of course I joined the Methodist church though I did not live holy. I can see it now. I would go to the movies, etc., and I thought I was just as good as anybody.

The first time I went to the holiness meeting I wanted to go to the altar. I let the first time slip by tho I was sorry of it. The next time I went to the altar in a run. I did not go through the first night, but I want you to know I cried and prayed hard off and on all the next day. I just knew I was going to get saved the next night, and I did. When I got saved, I danced, shouted and praised the Lord. I didn't know anything about sanctification, the second definite work of grace, they didn't preach it so someone told me to go down and get the Holy Ghost, and I did. I praised God with all my might and in about twenty minutes He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire and He also healed me of that awful disease though I didn't realize I was healed then. I went home and was lying on my bed in the dark room, looking up and thanking and praising God in my heart, when I saw a sweet vision: The pearly gates swung open and a snow white horse and a jet black one came down thru them. I knew it was a vision but at that time I didn't know what it meant. I think I know now, but am not sure. I would like for someone to tell me what they represent. My husband was lying there asleep and didn't know what I had in my soul. The next morning he asked me about the meeting and when I told him, he fussed a little and said that I need not think when I got sick I would not have a doctor. I said, all right, I haven't said that I wouldn't have one, but haven't you had enough doctor bills already? I went on for a while and then became very ill. He said, if I were like you and thought those people could help me by praying for me, I would have them to pray for me. That just pleased me so much. I surely did have them to pray and I was healed right then. I felt the pain go. Oh how glad I was, and from that day until this he has been willing for me to trust the Lord. I am praising God for it until yet. Altho I am afflicted from head to foot now and have been for a while, I am trusting God. He healed me then and He can heal me again. I don't know why He has not healed me this time, but I know He can heal. I have trusted and walked by faith for years. He gives me a rest once in a while but the first thing I know something has gotten a hold on my body again. I get healed and then the disease comes back. It looks like I can't stay healed. I wish someone would tell me why this is. I do want to be true and live good. This is the fifteenth year since I have been saved. I am sanctified,

## The Approaching of Devils - Doctrines

By Robt. R. Seyda  
Is the man of 2 Thess. 2:3 the man of sin; the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called GOD, or that is worshipped. So that He as God sitteth in the Temple of God, shewing Himself that He is God now, or soon revealed, who is He, the Man of Sin?

He is a god, 2 Cor. 4:4. He is a Prince, Eph. 2:2. He is a Prince of this world, John 12:31. He is Ruler of Darkness, Eph. 6:12. He is a King, an angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is A-BAD-DON. But in the Greek A-POLLYON, Destroyer, Rev. 9:11, and unless we get more Power there is danger of defeat.

We read in Matt. 24:11 these words, "And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many." Sad, yet they are true words. Moses was told these words, "For, See, Saith He, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." Heb. 8:5. And, so it is today. Unless we make our building according to the pattern (BIBLE) God will not recognize the making or Building.

An article recently appeared in one of the leading papers of Reading, Pa., as follows:

NEW YORK, March 8.

Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy has promised the world Anti-Narcotic League to come in America to attend a proposed world conference of women on the Drug Traffic."

Can this man be a forerunner of the Man of Sin, or is He altogether Him? I was told that every child that is born now in Italy gets a number of 666. Again, I was told this man has his own image, many times his size and thus exalteth himself above God. I do not say this is the man, but let us see. Can it be? The Serpent beguiled Eve, or the woman. Can it be the women sex again will be the fall.

A statement was recently made by Sir A. Coman Doyle, an outstanding leader of the Spiritualist movement, saying, "The Churches must come to us for the Spirit. Power they have lost." But to this I want to say it is untrue. "Then if any man say unto you, so here is Christ or there, believe it not, For there shall arise false Christs and false Prophets and shall shew great signs and wonders, inso-much that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24. Then to know that we are the very elect is to see that we make everything according to the pattern (Bible).

Another article appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle, April 3, 1923, as follows: "Spiritualism has been championed before the ministerial association of Spokane, Wash."

Apparently it was accepted by the Ministerial Association that communication with Spirits of the dead will eventually be possible. Is it any wonder that many will be deceived when the condition of the professing Christians of today is drifting toward a Spiritualistic movement. The approaching Supernatural Powers of the anti-christ will be so accompanied with signs and wonders that unless we get the real power from God, many will be, yes, shall be deceived. But not the elect. Praise God for the Blood of Jesus that will hide us from the devil and his lies.

Once I was told how a saint at one time was blessed by God. Many times God would give wonderful messages and reveal things to the saints but it is no longer that way today. The same party, I am told, believes that Jesus is God or in plain words, "Jesus Only." "Who is a liar but He that denieth that Jesus is the Christ. He is Anti-Christ that denieth the Father and the Son. 1 John 2:22. I notice over in Romans 1:28-32 a people who did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a Reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient.

A man once went to a show. The actor was a serpent famer. Looking to the man, He said, "Buy a Serpent and Have a Pet." "No," said he, "I fear them." "Fear what?" said the show man. "You can tame it." While standing there the man became charmed by the serpent so he asked to buy the smallest snake available. Every where the man went he carried the snake in his pocket. Never did he think the serpent was growing, but on taking it out one day was surprised to see it so big. It seemed to obey him, I mean he thought he still had power over it. He tried to get loose but was

baptized with the Holy Ghost and have been a member of the Church of God for ten years. My husband is out of the ark of safety. O how he needs Jesus! I also have two sons and their wives who are not saved. Please pray for them to be saved. I have one little grandson, five years of age, who wants to talk about the Lord and angels all the time. He comes to my house and will pray with me every morning. Pray that I will raise him up in the way the Lord will have him to go. Oh how I wish that I had been saved when I was bringing my boys up. I did the best I could but did not know the way soon enough, now they have families of their own and are still in sin. Please pray for me and for my unsaved children.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Mellie Shuttle, Rt. 2, Box 6, Eldorado, Ill.

## Jesus' Coming To Reign On Earth

(Continued from page one)

lives for the cause during the tribulations, or before, and Jerusalem will be the capital. Post-millennialists, for the most part, hold that the presence and preaching of the Gospel will result in the conversion of the world and will usher in righteousness and a government of justice and peace to last a thousand years, after which the Lord will return for a general judgment, an introduction of an eternal state.

It is well to have these views of the millennium clearly in mind. Contrary to the post-millennialist's view, the literal reign of Christ with His saints, for a thousand years, is plainly stated in the 20th chapter of Revelation, six times.

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part

confronted by a battle. The serpent bit the man, since it had power over him, thus He called on the name of Jesus. And Jesus, who will or did bruise its head set Him free. "For whom the Son sets free is free indeed." Many that will be deceived will never be set free. Light if not walked in becomes darkness and great shall be that darkness.

"Jesus said, the Devil is and was a liar and a father of it from the Beginning." John 8:44. "And if the angels which kept not their own habitation he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness till judgment." Jude 6. How many more will God cast from Him them that love not the truth. "The word of God is a lamp unto our feet." Satan is cunning and He will deceive many in a cunning way. The serpent said, "Thou shalt not surely die, but, God said, 'Thou shalt surely die.' Paul said to Timothy, 'This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves. This is now true. Again Paul said, 'Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron.' 1 Tim. 4:12. It is said, but people will give heed to these doctrines of devils. Is it any wonder when the so called churches of today are permitting most anything but God in it? Billiard tables, bowling alleys, suppers and the like all can be found in the churches of today, thus the Spirit of Mystery doth already work. Is it any wonder? The Bible teaches that Bishops, or Deacons must be blameless. Not "ought to be," but, "must be." They should be as much interested in winning souls as the pastor or evangelist. They cannot be out in the Devil's crowd on service night nor any other night. Must be, MUST BE BLAMELESS, HOLDING THE MYSTERY OF THE FAITH IN A PURE CONSCIENCE. 1 Tim. 3:8-9. Is it any wonder many shall be deceived? Think of how many hap-hazard, wishy-washy, yet, professing Christians you know of.

The Bible teaches us not to forget the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but so much the more as ye see the day approaching. Heb. 10:25. Once a so-called saint said to me, "I stayed home today to entertain my company." This only shows us the powers now working. Unless we accept the powers of God, and practice the early Church of God; living when all these supernatural powers will manifest themselves from Hell, many will be deceived.

See that thou make all things according to the pattern, (Bible) and let us not be weak, but strong in the Lord, for without Him we can do nothing, but we know this, if God be for us, who can be against us? Let us continue to pray for power. This also know that Divine Power is not how much noise we can make. Nor is loud and fast singing power, as some think, but it is keeping your hands clean before God and a pure Heart He shall receive. Ps. 24:3-4. Neither is noise Faith. Much manifestation is no evidence of Healing. I would rather see the effect on the sick that is prayed for than on the one that prays. But if any man lack wisdom let Him ask of God that giveth liberally and upbraideth not. And it shall be given Him. James 1:5. Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it: Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Ps. 127:1.

Keep your eyes on the Lord!

## NOT ASHAMED OF JESUS

ANGLETON, Tex.—I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. This morning finds me still saved, sanctified and the sweet Holy Ghost still abides, glory to Jesus. He is still on the throne to hear and answer prayer. He has healed in our home many times. It seemed hard to move away from where I could go to church and be with the dear saints, but the Lord knows best. I am telling about this wonderful salvation wherever I go. I am sending my subscription in for the Church of God Evangel. It is real food to my soul to read the good testimonies and sermons, as I don't get to go to church to hear the true Word preached in its fullness, but praise the Lord, I can witness for Him thru this wonderful little paper. O, He is so sweet to me. I am glad I am in this gloryland way and have a determination to go all the way, regardless of the cost. I am not ashamed to confess my Lord to the whole world. I want to hold up a standard for His Church and Her governments. I mean by the help of God to see the end of this sanctified life. Saints, I need your prayers that I will stand true.—Mrs. M. E. Belk.

In the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth." Rev. 20:1-8a.

This teaching is so plain that a way-faring man need not err therein, but those who oppose this blessed hope of the pre-millennial coming of our Lord, usually begin their argument by the assertion that the doctrine of the millennium is nowhere taught in the Scriptures except in the 20th chapter of Revelation. It is a fact that the Jews had fully adopted the millennium as a teaching of the Old Testament Scriptures long before the book of Revelation, or any part of the New Testament was written.

It was a view most frequently expressed that the Messianic kingdom would last for one thousand years and this was commonly believed among the Jews. It is easy to discern upon what they founded the doctrine of the Sabbath of God's week. The divisions of the time into sevens and weeks permeates Scriptures. The law and keeping of the Sabbath, Exod. 20:8. This was based on God's great rest day. Gen. 2. This was founded not only the weeks of rest days, but also the weeks under Pentecost. Lev. 23:15,16. The weeks of months with the atonement and seven days feast of the tabernacle in the seventh month, Lev. 23:27,28. The week of years ended with the sabbatic years. Lev. 25:24. The week of weeks of years ended with the seventh sabbatic year and followed by the year of jubilee. Lev. 25:8-12. Even the duration of Israel's great punishment was based upon this law of the sevens.

There are many different views on the coming of Jesus and the tribulations but we feel sure that we are right in our views on the coming to catch away, the seven years of tribulation and the coming of Jesus to destroy the wicked and to set up His righteous reign. As we view the world today with its modern inventions, the wisdom of men, and the wickedness, we feel sure that the time of His coming for His saints is almost here. The outpouring of the Holy Ghost, something like 20 years ago, in America and the rapid spread of the doctrine only bespeaks the soon coming of Jesus. Millions of people have been filled with the Holy Ghost and this is a Gospel message for the last days. Let us study our Bible, pray for God to guide us in the right way and give out a message to this lost world that will prepare them for the great events that are just ahead.

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## Interesting Letters From Bible Training School

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### HE IS THE LILY OF THE VALLEY

— B. T. S. —

As I sit here in the schoolroom, my mind goes back to a place in Texas, where God saved me. I shall never forget the minister's text the night I was saved. It was, "The great day of His wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" It was then I realized I was not able to stand before God justified. I soon found my way to the altar and found peace for my soul, and I then had hopes of gaining heaven for my future home.

I am sure everybody wants to go to heaven, but if we do, we must prepare. I have found Jesus to be a real friend in every time of need. When some are going through a trial they soon let everyone around know they are in the valley of discouragement, but we sing the song, "He's the Lily of the Valley," so I'm sure if they will only look around they will find the "Lily," and can take courage and find grace to help in every time of need. I am so thankful because the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open to their cries. I feel that this is enough to encourage everyone of us to go forward in the name of our Jehovah. School will soon come to a close and the students will go in most every direction, and I trust that each one will be a blessing to those in need. I have appreciated salvation more for the last few weeks than any time in my life, and my heart is made glad when I hear of others accepting the Lord. When you pray, please remember me.—Cleo Wood, Electra, Texas.

### WE SHOULD MAKE THE BEST OF LIFE

— B. T. S. —

I must say, I am glad to have the privilege of living in this day and age. Let us stop and consider. God has given each individual a life to do just as they wish, with it. We have our own choice. We have a conscience that will distinguish right from wrong as long as we let it, and keep it from getting seared. Yes, if we continue doing wrong, our conscience becomes seared and we do not have them for a guide, as God has planned them to be for the individual. You know dear reader, our life is an important question. James 4:14 says, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the narrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. Life is not an idle dream, nor is a mere play-ground our final destiny. But life is a small fragment of eternity, a fleeting day, a pilgrimage, a journey. The most important period of our existence, a result of our own choosing, setting in motion of influences—good or bad which will never die—a failure or a success; a field of opportunity, the last and only chance to be saved, and it is the dressing room for eternity.

For instance, two boys start out in life together. Each have the same privilege in their home. Their parents show no partiality whatever. One is loved as much as the other. It is soon time for them to begin school; they enter together and seem to like it; they go on in school for several terms and soon the one begins to lose interest and gets careless and indifferent. Finally loses all interest in school and quits; he gets with a company of boys who are not of the best, soon drifts down, down the wrong road. All this time his brother is making a success in life, his ambitions are high, he loves to go to Sunday School and church; loves good old Bible stories, always consults his parents as to the best company he should be with. These few years that have passed

have made us to notice the big difference in the brothers already. I am sure these boys' parents grieved many times, when they would think of the one son who has started on the wrong road. Soon this son becomes dissatisfied with home surroundings and wants to go out in this big world and have a big time. Dear old mother grieves and in spite of all her efforts and words of entreaty that have been spoken, he goes off. It seems his dear old mother loses all courage, and she seems to think it was all done in vain. Again she thinks of her other dear son whom God has given her, and it seems the desire of his heart is to make his life a blessing to all with whom he may come in contact. Yes, it encourages her. Soon this son hears of the Church of God Bible Training School and immediately decides it would be a wonderful place for a young man. He once more consults his parents; gets their consent and he is off for school in a short time. Three terms have elapsed—he graduates, starts out in the world, telling men and women the story of Jesus and is winning many precious souls for Him, the One who has done so much for us. Praise His name! The last that was heard of the other young man, he was drifting farther and farther away from God, and taking part in all that the world has to offer, that makes one think they are enjoying life. Instead of him making his life a blessing to others, he is dragging young men and women down the broad way that leads to destruction. We have decided then that our life is what we make it; a success or a failure. Let us choose the life that will prove a blessing to others and consider that this is only a dressing room for Heaven. O that our daily life might tell for Jesus, like the brother who chose the straight and narrow way that leads from earth to glory. Amen.—Clara O. Butler, Plaza, N. Dak.

### Be Strong And Of A Good Courage

— B. T. S. —

Joshua 1:6

Moses had been the leader of the children of Israel. Moses led them out of Egypt and led them thru the wilderness up as far as Mt. Nebo and he died. So there had to be someone to lead the children of Israel. God chose Joshua as a leader. He told him that He would be with him. He told him to be strong, and of a good courage. The Lord has told us in His Word to be strong. Eph. 6:10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. We want to be strong in the Lord and not in ourselves. We can do nothing without the Lord's help, but thru Him we are able to overcome. Some people think when they get the Holy Ghost they will not have any more trials in this life, but the main battle is just begun. When the Israelites passed over the Jordan to possess the promised land, they had some of the hardest battles they had ever fought, so if we keep this salvation, we will have to fight hard to keep the victory. But the Lord said, Be strong and of a good courage. When the battle gets hot, we will have to look to Jesus. He is able to help us in every time of need. When everything goes wrong some people want to go back to Egypt and get some onions and garlic, but the Word tells us to strive to enter in. I am persuaded to believe we will have to do something before we get to heaven. Luke 18:1 says that men ought always to pray and not to faint. Too many start in this race and give up. It is not the one that shouts the most and prays the loudest that will get to Heaven, but it is the one that endures to the end.—Otha Anderson, Electra, Tex.

### Great Ingathering Of Souls Why Did I not Give Up Long Ago?

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. (Feb. 21) —We are now engaged in a meeting at this place. We have been here a week tonight. We began in a small house, but the people came out in such large crowds that we had to get a larger building. We have a large concrete building with about one hundred and fifty seats, and room for one hundred more. We are expecting great things from the Lord. The people are getting stirred. We are having good music and singing, furnished by Brother Bell and Sister Lois Sheffield, Brother and Sister Merkerson. We have piano, guitar and violin music. This is the first time the Church of God has held a meeting at this place, altho we have a few true blue members here and they are doing their part, praying and bringing provisions for us to eat while we stay, also outsiders are helping, so let the saints pray that we may have a great ingathering of souls, and get a church established here.—Mrs. E. E. Simmons.

MACLENNY, Fla. (Jan. 29) —I want to praise the Lord for a real old heart-felt, know-so salvation. Ten years ago last September the Lord wonderfully saved me from sin, sanctified me with His blood and added me to the dear old Church of God. I sought the Holy Ghost for a little over two years and three months before receiving Him. The devil tried to discourage me and make me think I was not going to get it, but I promised the Lord if He would give me the Holy Ghost I would testify of it thru the Evangel, and the 27th night of Dec. the Lord answered my prayer and the Holy Ghost came in. The devil tried to make me doubt it but could not. Since I received the Holy Ghost I often wonder why I didn't give up long ago, and when I got the Holy Ghost I thought it was worth much trying. I ask all who read this to pray for me, that I may ever be found doing the Lord's will, and be ready to go when He comes or calls for me.—Miss Mamie Anderson.

## THE CHURCH, HIS BRIDE

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psa. 103:2,3. The words of our text were uttered by David. He was the youngest son of Jesse, a Bethlehemite, and was born doubtless at Bethlehem, where Jesse, his father lived. 1 Sam. 17:12-15. He was always gentle, patient and forbearing and was called a man after God's own heart. Acts 13:22. David was a man who put his whole trust in the Lord. He realized within himself he could do nothing. He trusted the Lord for both soul and body, but when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal. 4:4,5. Jesus paid the price for our redemption. Ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Pet. 1:18,19. He expects His people to live in the beauty of holiness, a clean consecrated life, unspotted from the world and walk in His footsteps each day. Jesus has chosen the Church to be His Bride. Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word that He might present it to Himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Eph. 5:25,26,27. The above Scripture shows that in His great love for the Church He made a complete sacrifice for it. Did His atonement apply to the soul only? Did He fulfill all that was written of Him by the prophets? Let us see what the prophet Isaiah says in regard to these questions, but He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed. Before Jesus was crucified, He was scourged for the healing of our bodies. St. Mark 15:15. We find people today who claim that Jesus' healings were done to convince the people of the power of God, because it was a change from one dispensation to another, and when Jesus died, the days of miracles were ended. But the above Scripture proves to us that Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy just before He died, when with His stripes we are healed. We sometimes fear men here on earth, but when we put our whole trust in the Lord we know we are safe. He did not say when some hard tests came upon us to turn back and trust a physician but for us to trust Him and He would heal our bodies. The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whose putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Prov. 29:25. After the apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost, they went forth with power, taking up the work of Christ. Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer. A certain lame man whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple. Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John said, Look on us, and he did, expecting to receive something of them. Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength and he went into the temple with them, walking, leaping and praising God. No doubt the lame man got awfully tired lying there at the gate every day, asking alms of those people but there was no other way for him. Can you imagine what a wonderful time that must have been, when Peter came along and this man was healed? It is the same way with our people today—if we will just hold on a little longer and trust the Lord, victory is just ahead for us! We also see where believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes, both of men and women, inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed everyone. Dear ones, if we will only live close to God, it is wonderful the miracles that will be performed thru His children. Of course, we have to give up everything worldly and withdraw ourselves from everything that is unlike our Christ, if we expect to trust Him as our healer, when we are afflicted. When suffering and trials come upon us, we can look up to Jesus and feel that sweet joy and peace down deep in our souls that the world cannot give us, and He will give deliverance over all. "And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them, they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." St. Mark 16:17,18. What does it profit us if we have faith and do not the things that Jesus has taught us in His Word, "or faith without works is dead. Even so, faith, if it hath not works is dead being alone. Jas. 2:17. Dear saints, we must trust the Lord. If we do not

## Wanted For The Lord's Service

Men like Daniel, who dare to do right. Dan. 6:10-16.  
Men like Shadrach, ready to suffer. Exod. 20:4,5; Dan. 3:4-7.  
Men in authority, with Nehemiah's faith. Neh. 13:4-9.  
Men like Isaiah, full of eloquence and fervour. Isa. 55:1-13.  
Men of courage like Joshua. Num. 14:6-9; Joshua 6:16.  
Men like Elijah, bold to proclaim the truth. 1 Kings 17:1.  
Men like Paul, taught of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 12:3.  
Men like Timothy, zealous for the Lord. 2 Cor. 16:10.  
Men like the Bereans, gifted with wisdom. Acts 17:10-12.  
Young men like Jabez, who fear God. 1 Chron. 4:10.  
Young women like gracious Ruth. Ruth 1:16,17.  
Matrons like the pious Shunammite. 2 Kings 4:8-13.  
Fathers like Abraham. Gen. 22; Prov. 10:21.  
Brethren like Aaron and Hur. Exod. 17:9; 12.  
Sisters, who, like Mary, sat at Jesus' feet. Luke 10:38,39.  
Heads of families like Caleb. Acts 10:2; Num. 14:24.  
Wives, models in their lives. Prov. 31:10-31.  
Mothers, like Hannah, consecrating their children. 1 Sam. 1:10.  
Maidens taught of God. 2 Kings 5:14, 15; Prov. 15:23.  
Servants of Christ like Barnabas. Acts 11:22-26; Acts 9:27.  
Florida Brown, Box 407, Thomaston, Maine.

## An Overcomer

HIXSON, Tenn.—I want to praise the Lord thru the Evangel for His goodness to me. I praise Him for the great Assembly we had last Fall. Ah, the good, sweet spirit that was shown there and the fellowship that existed. I have been going to the Assembly for about fifteen years and it seems to me to be the best one yet. I want to praise the Lord for His power to heal. I was poisoned on tin or something, and I surely thought my time had come to die. I called for prayer, and Brother Raulston came, and prayed for me. I got some better. They came from Dividing Ridge and Daisy and prayed for me also. I would get better for a while and then would get worse, but thank the Lord, I am here yet. Old Satan put many things in my mind, but he failed to get any of his plans to work. I am an overcomer and I thank the Lord for it all. I am still standing on His Word, praising the Lord for the good meetings we have had at Dividing Ridge and the good preaching. Brother Ellis surely can make the Word plain to all. Pray for me to be what the Lord would have me be. Your brother.—D. C. Wynn, Rt. 1, Box 45, Hixson, Tenn.

## Much Happiness in a Christian Home

RAVENSFORD, N. C. (Jan. 16) —I thank the Lord for the privilege of writing to the paper, that we love so well. It surely has a welcome in our home each week. I praise Him for the day He spoke peace to my soul and sanctified me wholly and filled my soul with the sweet Holy Ghost, which still abides. I thank the Lord for my home. Husband and I both have this blessed experience and we both can fight the battle together. I surely do thank the Lord for my husband because it was thru his prayers that I have this blessed experience. I was brought up a Baptist but after my husband received the blessing I knew there was more for me, so one night I found myself in the altar, praise the Lord! My desire is to be closer to the Lord. I thank Him for His healing power. He has healed our family different times. My children do not know what it is to take medicine. I have two children, one 7 years old and the other four. I thank the Lord for the faith He has given me up to now. The work at this place has been shut down for fifteen months and the saints have scattered until we cannot have services, and time is too precious for a church to be vacant. All pray for us at this place. —Mrs. Garland Grooms.

## If Sick, Trust The Lord

HOLT, Ala. (Jan. 9, 1929)—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power and the baptism of the sweet Holy Ghost. During Christmas I was down sick with the flu. My husband called a doctor. He came and said that I had the flu and left me a lot of medicine. I did not take it. I just turned the case over to the Lord and He healed me. I received the Holy Ghost

get the answer back as soon as we thought we should, no doubt it is to draw us closer to Him. We must suffer as the prophets did—with patience. You will find in James 5 where it tells us very plainly what to do when we are afflicted. Let us keep our text in mind and put our trust in Jesus who has all power in both heaven and earth.—Mrs. Frank McGee, Emerson Ave.

## Notices And Specials

### SPECIAL NOTICE

I take this opportunity to notify those who are making inquiry about the introduction to the Sunday School lesson for March 3d, that this slipped by us and we didn't notice just exactly the tenor of the teaching. We do not believe that the church was built on Peter, or such men as Peter, but on Christ, the Solid Rock. This introduction does not convey the thought of our teaching. Hoping that this may explain to all who may read, or have written me about it, we remain Yours for the church and her teachings.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

I am leaving for a trip to the Bahamas and will stop over in Jacksonville, Fla. From there I will go to Wimauma, from Wimauma to Miami and from Miami to the Islands. I will be out of the office for two weeks. All of my mail will be opened, read and answered by the General Secretary, with the exception of the letters marked "personal." If you do not get a prompt reply to your letter, you may know that it is because I am out on the field. I will answer as soon as I return.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

This is to notify the people that Brother Paul Walker's address is changed from that of Plaza, North Dakota to 215 2d St., North Wahpeton, N. Dak.

D. W. Lillard, Marked Tree, Arkansas is State Treasurer for Mission fund in the State of Arkansas.—Jesse Danehower, State Overseer.

The Jesup District meeting will be held the 4th Sunday in March at Pine Grove, six miles north of Odum Ga. The meeting will begin on Thursday night, March 21st, with J. W. Culpepper in charge, and will continue on thru Sunday night, Sunday, March 24th will be the District meeting. We intend to have several speakers to speak on some very important subjects. Every body come, and bring a basket well filled with the good things that is given for the sustenance of the body, also a supply of the Divine Love of God, and let us have a real feast of good things from our father's table on high. We invite the neighboring churches to come and be with us and let us enjoy a feast together. Don't forget the date and place.—C. A. Culpepper, pastor, J. H. Westberry, Clerk and Treasurer.

My address is now Marion, Virginia instead of Worth, Va.—J. J. York, State Evangelist of Virginia.

The Church of God at Medford Schoolhouse at Lenox, Georgia wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Annie Mae Allen.—T. V. Hiers, Clerk.

A revival meeting will begin at the Church of God in Montgomery, Alabama on April 2d, with S. J. Heath and wife in charge. Our house is located on Ripley Street, between Washington and Adams Streets. We are trying to get a work established in this city, and there are many people here. There are all kinds of teaching given out here, but there are people here who want the sound doctrine. Saints pray for this place, that God will give us a meeting. Your servant.—P. F. Fritz, 62 Hannon St., Montgomery, Alabama.

### CAMPMEETING NOTICE

It was decided at our last State Campmeeting that we should secure a permanent location for an Annual Campmeeting and build such structures as are necessary for this purpose. A committee was appointed to secure a location, and after visiting quite a number of places, a gentleman not a member of the Church of God, offered the committee a five acre tract of beautiful shaded land in the suburbs of Anniston, free of charge, and we decided it was the best location we could get. We have the deed to this land, and it was decided at the recent preachers' meeting held at Pratt City to go right ahead and get ready for a Great Campmeeting. The following building committee was appointed by the State Overseer, with instructions to make plans and begin raising money at once. Plans and specifications to be submitted at the state convention for approval.

COMMITTEE S. J. Heath, Roy E. Blackwood, Arnold Rogers and J. A. Brown, quite a number subscribed for this purpose at the last Campmeeting, and is now due. Surely no one who subscribed will fail to live up to their obligation. Send your money just as fast as you can to J. J. Bradberry, Boaz, Ala. treasurer for this fund, so we can begin to build. It was decided at the preachers' meeting to build

about three or four months ago, but have never before trusted the Lord for my body. I want all who know the value of prayer to pray for me that I will grow stronger in faith and always be in God's will, also pray for my husband and baby. A sister in Christ.—Mae Belle Johnson.

and donate a nice camphouse on the campground to the one raising the largest amount for this purpose. If you are interested, whether preacher or lay member and want this place in which to camp while attending the campmeeting which will be yours year after year, we want you to get busy and bring the amount you raise to the state convention June 26th at Alabama city. That date will be the close of the contest. Come on now and let's have a rousing campmeeting this Fall.—S. J. Heath, Chairman.

We are going to have communion service next 4th Sunday night, March 24th, the Lord willing. We expect our District Overseer to be with us. We invite everyone to come and be with us, expecting a great feast from Heaven. Pray for us. Marshall Osteen, Rt. 2, Box 7 1-2, Mayo, Fla.

To the saints who belong to the Church of God at Altoona, Ala: You are requested to write to the church occasionally and tell how you are getting along spiritually.—Mrs. Nona Thrasher, clerk, Gadsden, Ala.

There will be Home Coming Day at Carbon Hill Church of God on Sunday April 7th. Every member is hereby requested to be present, or in case this is impossible, please send a letter telling us how you are spiritually. Come on, let's meet with victory in our souls. Dinner on the ground, and we are expecting a good time in the Lord.—W. G. Webb, Pastor.

We are planning to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at Pleasant Hill Church of God on the 31st day of March—Easter. A good program will be staged in the morning, dinner on the ground, and in the afternoon will be a preachers' program. All you good preachers come over and help us. We especially invite Brother Culpepper, our overseer. We will expect the mothers to bring a nice "fat" basket.—Bessie E. Scruggs, Rt. 6, Box 53, Cathage, Miss.

## REQUESTS

I am requesting a special prayer for the healing of my eyes. they have been afflicted for three weeks. I have tried several remedies but none of them seem to do any good, so I just quit, realizing that the Lord was able to heal. I'm not saved, but I want the saints everywhere to pray for me to be saved.—Dovie Lee Daniels, Rt. 4, Box 83, Eupora, Miss.

Mrs. Annie Stewart of Berryton, Ga. is in a serious condition, and wants the saints to pray for her to be healed. She also wants to be sanctified. Please remember this request and pray at once. I also request prayer for my daughter who is suffering terribly from a misplaced shoulder bone.—Mrs. Sallie Walters.

I request prayer of all of God's people for my daughter. Her feet swell very badly. Pray for my family who are out in sin, that they will get back to the Lord.—Mrs. Maud Barney.

All who read this, please pray for our stepson who is healed of T. B. that he may live to rear his two little children. He is confined to the bed, but he cries and prays to God to spare his life and save him. He is pitiful, please remember this. His mother and father Mr. and Mrs. O. Deas.

Please pray for my son that the Lord will make him a true believer, the devil has him believing there is no hell. Pray for him. A heart-broken mother. Mrs. Deas.

Please pray for Sister Ellen Strickland. She has bone rheumatism and is almost helpless. Please entreat the Lord in her behalf.—Henrietta White, Douglasville, Ga.

## Healed of Sciatic Rheumatism

STROTHER, S. C. (Jan. 2, 1929)—I want to praise God for saving me from a life of sin. He sanctified me thru His precious blood and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost, also added me to the dear old Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I am praising Him for healing me of sciatic rheumatism while at the Assembly in Oct. 1927. I praise and thank God for our nice church building in Winnsboro, we have a fine little Sunday School started. Also I thank the Lord for our pastor whom we dearly love—Bro. W. E. Raney. I praise Him for healing me and my family from time to time. He is our physician. When we get sick, we call on the Lord and He hears and answers. I'm thanking Him for it. I ask all the saints everywhere to pray for me and my family that I may ever stay humble and do more for the Lord in the future than I have in the past. Your humble brother.—Charlie Cashatt.



## The Two Advents Of Christ

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." So spake the Lord, to His troubled disciples, comforting them. And what comfort those very words bring to our world-tossed souls in this age of unrest.

"Jesus is coming to earth again. What if He comes today? Coming in power and love to reign, what if it were today? Signs of His coming multiply, Morning light breaks in eastern sky; Haste, for the time is drawing nigh; What if it were today?"

Coming in the beauty of His holiness, with the glad hosannas of His saints; coming with the joyful sound of trumpet and harp, coming to reign in all His majesty, coming to conquer. And He that became sin and suffered the agony of crucifixion, knowing naught of sin Himself, yet for our sakes bearing all of sin, He shall come and cast all sin under His feet, and there shall be no more sin, neither sickness nor pain.

He that became as the worm of the dust and staggered under the weight of the cross because of weakness; He who could have at His will legions of angels to defend Him; He who sweat drops of blood from sheer mental and physical tortures; He shall come in great power and with the strength of the lion, shall He come.

He that suffered death at the hands of the Romans, and witnessed death among His followers, He who permitted death to be dealt to His disciples, He shall come and destroy death, even as He arose the third day, so also shall the dead arise, and shall deliver them that through fear of death, were all their life-time subject to bondage.

He who had not where to lay His head, forsaken by His own, denied by a bosom friend, left to bear the hour in Gethsemane alone while those whom He loved slept. He shall come to receive His own, and every knee shall be bowed and every tongue confess Christ. He who had to suffer by the soldiery, spit at by the jeering populace, scoffed at by even those whom He had befriended, He shall see these same scoffers, and skeptics, and unbelievers, tremble with fear and cry to the mountains, "fall on us," and to the hills, "cover us."

And the same Jesus who saw the sun hide her light and great darkness cover the earth, and the noise of thunder rending the air, shall come in the brightness of the noonday, for "the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it: for the glory of the Lord did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

And the Son of man who in agony cried "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me," as the overpowering weight of sin encompassed Him, shall come without sin unto salvation in that glorious appearance of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

And in the day of His appearance, the graves shall give up their dead, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

And at His coming, He who was unjustly tried before the courts and wickedly accused of the people who demanded His crucifixion, He shall judge the world in righteousness. And the day of His coming no man knoweth, therefore, be ye ready for at an hour when ye think not the Son of man cometh; cometh as a King to establish His eternal kingdom, cometh to gather to Him His chosen ones, cometh to put away all sorrow and sin and usher in the glories of the Heavens.

Beloved now are we the Sons of God. And it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know when He shall appear, we shall be like Him: for we shall see him as He is.

Behold He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness.

Mattie Broome

## TAKE HEED

Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. Heb. 2:1. Beloved, we are living in a day when we should take heed to the things we hear, as long as it is sound doctrine, for Paul says we should take heed unto ourselves and unto the doctrine. Continue in them for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. If ever we need to be steadfast and unmovable and keep within the lids of God's holy Bible it is now, and that by taking heed we should know enough of God's Word that we should not be moved at everything we hear for the Word tells us to take heed lest no man deceive us. So it is my heart's desire to prove true to God at any cost. I can still trust Him for all things. He is our healer, keeper and Savior. That is why we take heed to Him and unto the doctrine. All who reads this, please pray for us and may the Lord bless.—Oscar Bowers.

## He Will Do As Much For You

HUBBLE, Mont. (Jan. 10, 1929)—I have just applied the Evangel for healing and I heard a still small voice say, "Will you testify in the Evangel?" Now I wonder why so many are asked to do this same thing? But ours is not to reason why, only obey. The Israelites marching round Jericho looked foolish, didn't it? Yet the walls fell. Some two years ago I was in poor health, one of these "always complaining" kind, and I didn't want to stay that way so I asked Him first to heal me of catarrh. It took me some time to get victory over it, but now God has healed. Then there was an inside goitre that had affected my heart until the spells were pretty bad. We prayed for power to cast out demons and one day the power fell, thru the laying on of hands, and the goitre was gone and my heart was healed instantly. Thank the Lord! Then the flu came along, which settled in my voice box and I nearly lost my voice, but the saints anointed and prayed for me and I was healed again, praise His blessed name! He is able to heal all our diseases without any help from medicine. I started out to trust the Lord for my body seven years ago and He has never failed. Our little church here at East Boulder has risen from a backslidden condition and has weathered the storms of strife and division and many faces are again shining with the glory of God. We ask you to help us pray that God will work a mighty work here in the little time left us. It would take too long to tell of the many things that have taken place but many and wonderful are the blessings the Lord has poured out on us. Not long ago at service there was singing, shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. We are looking to Him for the gifts to be restored and more given. May we all stay where He can bless us.—Luella Cook.

## PRAYER

JCLIN, MO. (Oct. 10) — On Sept. 20th, Brother L. G. Rouse came here and opened fire on the enemy with God's Holy Word, and stayed with us for one week, during which time one was saved, two sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost and were healed of various ailments. A young girl was very hard hearing and could say only a few words, she had been this way all of her life. Bro. Rouse prayed for her and God saved, sanctified and filled her with the Holy Ghost and made her able to hear and could speak every thing she was told to say. God did all this, tho Brother Rouse prayed for her. Bro. Ralph of Pittsburg, Kansas took a card to be prayed for the next night and while Bro. Rouse was still talking, he was healed at his seat of stomach trouble which he had suffered from for the last twenty years. The Lord healed the writer of throat trouble while Bro. Rouse was just talking. My boy was healed of kidney trouble and other sickness when Bro. Rouse prayed for him. There were many other healings wrought here. Sister Cash of Council Bluffs, Iowa was here. She did some good preaching, which we all enjoyed. Oct. 6th our State overseer, Bro. F. R. Harrawood came and stayed two nights. The Lord met with us during his short stay and we were all benefited by the good messages Bro. Harrawood brought us from God's Word. Oct. 7th we went to the river where two followed the Lord in water baptism and God put His approval on this service, for the Holy Ghost fell, I feel that all have been much helped by this meeting. We all love our overseer and want him back for next year, he has won the love and friendship of not only members of the church, but outsiders all over the state. Your brother in Christ.—T. F. Blackwell, 2218 Moffet St., pastor.

## A RIPE FIELD

EAST LAKE, Ala. (Jan. 23, 1929)—I am still praising God today for a full and free salvation which keeps me free from sin of all kind. I am saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God, and have a made up mind to go all the way with Jesus. I thank God for His healing power which keeps my body healed. Dear saints, God surely can heal. He healed me of boils all over my body a few days ago, for which I give Him all the praise. There are but a few saints here in East Lake, but we are trusting God for our bodies as well as our souls. When I was sick with boils all over my body, most, I sent to Bro. Rouse for an anointed handkerchief and laid it on my body and was healed. We want all the saints to pray for us that God will send us a man that is filled with the Holy Ghost and is living the life and a member of the Church of God. This is a ripe field, and I pray God that some of you colored evangelists will come this way. There are thousands of souls here that want to be saved. We thank God for Sister Mary Ash coming out here. I do believe she is a God-sent woman. We surely did enjoy her being with us and hope she will come back again and be with us.—Drucellie Danzy, Rt. 2, East Lake, Ala.

## OBITUARIES

### WOOD

On Nov. 25, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wood of Lubbock, Texas and claimed for its victim, little Bettie Joe, age five months and three days. She was a bright, beautiful darling and loved by all who knew her. She was cheerful and healthful and never had taken a dose of medicine or teas of any kind. The end came so suddenly; it was a shock to her many friends and loved ones. We don't understand why these things happen and it seems unbearable at times, but we must remember that God doeth all things well and for the best. We must be submissive to His will. In the Bible we find comforting words and sweet assurance that we shall see our loved ones again. The Lord is not slack concerning His promises. Life is uncertain and death is sure, so let us be prepared to meet the Lord when He comes or calls. We feel sure that our loss is Heaven's gain.

She leaves to mourn her sad departure, a father, mother, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cockerell of Weatherford, Tex. and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wood of Electra, Texas (Mr. Wood being the pastor of the Church of God at Electra), also a great grandmother and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by our State Overseer, Bro. E. W. Williams of Ft. Worth, Tex., and her remains laid to rest in the Lubbock cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Jesus has taken a beautiful bud, Out of our garden of love, Bore it away to the city of God, Home of the angels above.

Of course this home is lonely, Their thoughts are far away, Thinking of little Bettie Joe In the arms of Jesus to stay.

Daddy misses her sweet smiles Each evening when he comes home; Mother misses her presence Since from them she has gone.

Precious Little Bettie Joe from us has gone, The voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in the home That never can be filled.

Dear parents and grand parents, do not weep For the beautiful bud so fair, Transplanted in the garden of God To bloom forever there.

We can never meet her here any more, As for her, we often sigh, But in heaven we will meet again Where we'll never say good-bye.

One who loved her, Mrs. Arta Elzey, Electra, Texas.

### GARNOND

On Jan. 13, 1927 there was born to Leo and Thelma Garnond, a precious baby girl, little Wanda Joyce. On the 31st of January, 1929 hearts were made sad when the death angel came and claimed her for its victim, but we weep not as those who have no hope for we know that she is safe at home with Jesus.

Mother, father, you can't call her back, but you can prepare to go to her where there will be no more sickness or sorrow; pain nor death can not enter that bright city; there will be no crepe on the doors to sadden our hearts; the grave diggers' shovel will be laid away. Dear mother, father, little Wanda Joyce is waiting and beckoning for you to come. Oh prepare to meet her and live with Jesus where you will never have to part any more. Funeral service was conducted by the writer.—O. J. Plake.

### McGUIRE

On Dec. 31, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Sister J. W. McGuire of Lynchburg, Va. and claimed her son, Clifford O. McGuire, age twenty-five years and two months. Brother Clifford was a boy we all loved so much, and he was widely known among God's children, for his loving disposition. Twice in life he had known God and departed from Him, but on his death bed God reclaimed his soul and he sang hymns of praise and said his soul was prepared to meet God. It is our consolation to know that some day we can again be with him where suffering and trials are no more.

He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, several brothers and sisters and a host of friends who loved him. The funeral was conducted by our state Overseer, Brother H. B. Simmons, assisted by Brother J. J. York. The body was laid to rest in the Spring Hill Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Just a thought of sweet remembrance, Just a memory fond and true; Just a token of affection, And a heartache still for you; Just a sigh of golden moments, Just a smile of love anew; Just a tear in silence falling, And a yearning just for you.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord, When love has bound the heart; 'Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words, "We part, forever part"; All the years we've spent together, All the happy golden hours Shall be cherished in remembrance, Fragrant sweet from memory's Flowers.

Earth has lost its look of gladness, Heaven seems to us more bright, Since the spirit of our dear one Took his happy homeward flight; And we long to cross that river, Long to rest upon that shore, There to see and know and love him, With the Saviour evermore.

—One who loved him, Grace Hunt, 602 Breckenridge St. Lynchburg, Va.

### REASONS

On Aug. 7, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Reasons and took from them their dear nephew, Harlie Reasons age sixteen years and six months. Mr. and Mrs. Reasons had kept him since his mother died fifteen years ago. He was just a baby when they took him and there was but very little difference between him and their own children. He was loved by all who knew him. He was not a rough boy, was saved when he was eight years old. He praised the Lord on his death bed. We know he is resting with Jesus. He cannot come back to us, but we can go to him. He leaves to mourn his departure, a father, one uncle, one aunt and a host of relatives and friends. His funeral was conducted by Bro. W. I. Burford of Summit and Bro. Sargis of Benton, and his body was laid to rest in the Summit Cemetery, near Bauxite, Ark.

Thou art gone, our precious Harlie Never more to see thy face, Till we meet yonder in the river In that happy dwelling place.

O dear Harlie, how we miss you, We miss that bright face of yours, But if we live true to Jesus, We will meet you on Heaven's shore.—His cousin, Mrs. Minnie Cole.

### McClintock

On the 20th day of Jan. 1929, the death angel visited the home of Bro and Sister McClintock and claimed for its victim their darling baby girl, Vivian. Vivian was ten months of age, and was just taking her first baby steps. It seemed hard to give her up but the Lord knows best. She was loved by all who knew her, and we know she went home with Jesus. We are glad for the hope of meeting her some glad, sweet day.

Dear mother and father, look above, There your little jewel to meet, In that home where all is peace and love, Where, no more shall tread tired feet.

You too dear friends, may meet her there, If you will never stray From the beaten path that leads o'er there, Where with her you may stay.—

Two that loved her, (Misses) Dorothea and Lena Smith, Somerset Pennsylvania.

### SPENCER

On Jan. 15, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Spencer and claimed his wife, Stella Spencer. She left to mourn her departure, a husband and one child. When she was dying she sang, "I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in." T. B. was the cause of her death. Mr. Spencer said he wanted to meet her.—Leslie Smith, Heidelberg, Ky.

### MURPHY

On Jan. 9, 1928 the death angel visited the home of S. M. Portwood and claimed her daughter, Addie Murphy, wife of Dudley C. Murphy, who preceded her to the great beyond July 25, 1927. Sister Addie leaves three children to mourn the loss of father and mother. The three children are in the Orphans' Home at Cleveland Tennessee now, where they will be reared to know the Bible. The little boy told me that he wanted to be a preacher. Both parents died with T. B.—Lesly Smith, Heidelberg, Ky. (Sent in Feb. 1929)

### STEWART

Our precious girl is gone, the one we loved so dearly. Our hearts are crushed with grief since she has gone away. Oh, if we could only have her back again as in days of yore, but 'tis not the Father's will. We'll never forget her gentle voice, her tender words of hope and cheer, for she was kind to all. The sun shines dimly, the days are sad, but trusting God, we'll bravely wait to meet her some golden day. Then there'll be joy, gladness, angel bands sweetly singing; I can almost hear it now. Our dear girl on her dying bed was sanctified. Our Father knoweth best so He called Nettie home above to live in perfect love. I mean to meet her some glad day. Dear papa, remember your daughter, Nettie. You know you loved her.

## ON THE WAY TO GLORY

PRINCETON, W. Va. (Dec. 18, 1928) —I want to praise and thank God this morning for this wonderful salvation which has kept me up to this time. It has been some time since I wrote to the Evangel, but thank God, I am still on the way to heaven. The devil has given me some trouble but by the Lord's help I am still an overcomer, praise His good name. I am determined to go all the way with Him. I want to praise the dear Lord for His healing power. He healed me of the flu (or an awful cold and cough). My little girl was real sick and when I received my Evangel yesterday I laid it on her in Jesus' name and promised Him if He would heal her I would testify of it thru the Evangel, and she was healed. This is only two of the many healings I could tell about. I desire the prayers of all praying people that I will be faithful and be what the Lord wants me to be. Your little brother in Christ.—Clyde Pennington.

## The Importance Of Prayer

TALKING ROCK, Ga.—"Reproach hast broken my heart: I am full of heaviness; and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but found none." Ps. 69:20.

So many times here lately the Spirit has given me this Scripture, when for a moment I longed for human companionship. There is none that understands like Jesus. He alone can comfort.

I do thank God tonight that four years ago I met this wonderful Jesus and He is the strength of my life, my God and my salvation. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and fortress, my God, in him will I trust.

I praise God tonight for victory thru the precious blood of Jesus. I request the prayers of all those who pray. O how important is prayer in these last days. Beloved, let us spend more time in prayer. We cannot know much about a person unless we spend much time in their presence, so the more time we spend in the presence of God in prayer, the more we can learn about Him. Wishing all a wonderful year in the Lord, I remain your sister in Him.—Mrs. A. F. Hatchett.

## Saved From Sin

WARRIOR, Ala. (Dec. 11, 1928)—I want to praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me. I praise Him for saving me from sin, sanctifying me with His precious blood and giving me the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for giving me the light on holiness, bless His dear name! We read in Heb. 12:14, "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." I praise Him for His healing power. He has healed me many times. Ah, the Lord has been good to me, and I thank Him for it. I want the children of God everywhere who reads this to pray for me that I will ever be found humble and doing just what the Lord wants me to do. Your sister in Christ.—Rosa Wilcutt.

Seek God and do your best and He will help you in every trying test. Dear Brothers and sisters remember sweet Nettie. She's gone and you can never be with her any more here. Remember your Saviour and Him obey and you too shall meet her some glorious day. Dear mother, remember your darling. Yes, of course you will, but remember our dear Saviour. You are in the far away western land, you must join this holy band.—Genie Holland.

MORGAN  
In memory of C. T. Morgan who departed this life many years ago.

Sad are our hearts this evening, Though it's been so many years Since dear C. T. went to Glory, For I often think of him with tears.

Dear C. T. was the oldest child Who has gone with the angels above; Oh, how we do miss him in his home, His inspiring sermons and songs we loved.

He was in Wimauma, Fla. when called away But I mean to meet him in Glory some day;

I often heard him speak of how he loved Brother Lee, Our General Overseer, who lived in Cleveland Tennessee.

But I feel assured they have met above

Where all is joy and peace and love; The Bible School, he often said he loved, For he wanted to win souls for Heaven above.

I miss his songs, letters and smiles, But I expect to meet him when I overcome all earthly trials; Pray for me, that I may faithfully stand

And always be at the dear Lord's command.—His sister, (Miss) Bessie Morgan, Waihalla, S. C.

## This Is Old Time Religion

LANCING, Tenn. (Dec. 31, 1928)—I am glad that I can say this morning I have that old time religion, the kind that keeps us happy all the time, praise the good Lord! Though I have not been able to go to church for nearly a year, I know I still have salvation. I am saved, sanctified and the sweet Holy Ghost abides. My husband and myself are the only Church of God people in this country and we need your prayers. Your sister in Christ.—Rosa Hawn.

## Afflicted Because of Disobedience

GLEN MORRISON, W. Va. (Nov. 21, 1928)—I have tried many times to write my testimony to the Evangel but have so much to praise God for I would think—well that takes too much space. In Oct. 1925 I had undergone a serious operation at a hospital in Charleston, W. Va. After four weeks I grew worse and the doctors said I could not live. My relatives were called in, they never expected to see me again. One of my brothers believed in divine healing, (altho he was in sin at that time). He came to my bedside and asked me, "How is it with your soul, sister?" I answered, "I must die and I am not prepared," altho I was a member of the Missionary Baptist church. I begged for some Christians to come in and pray for me, which they did. I seemed to grow worse for about ten days. I never lost consciousness, tho they were holding special prayer for me at Cunard, W. Va. (my home at that time). At last I promised the Lord if He would let me live I would live for Him and do His will. I had not slept for about ten days and nights. When I put myself completely in the hands of the Lord I could only whisper. I fell asleep and slept two hours or more, and when I awoke I could speak to be heard in the hall from my room. One week from then I could walk and was at home, praise the Lord. But I went back on my promise, I didn't live for the Lord. I was healthy about nine months and my health gave away again. A worse affliction than ever came on me, also death plucked the flower of our home-our son, almost six years of age, whom I almost worshipped. It was then I began to realize I had failed my Lord, and I felt that these afflictions and sorrows were sent on me. I had never heard holiness preached until April 1928, when Brother Frank Cook came here and started a meeting, in which I was gloriously saved, and praise God I was completely healed of my affliction too. I am now saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 2:4. I just thank and praise the Lord for being so merciful to me. I am trusting Him for both soul and body, the wonderful way in which He heals has convinced me there is no other physician for me. I want to add that we had no Sunday School until in May, I believe. Brother Cook started Sunday School and God is blessing us here at Glen Morrison. The more the devil howls, the closer the saints seem to get to the Lord. Please pray for us here that this little church may shine for God. Your sister in Christ.—Lelia Thompson.

## DESIRES COMPLETE HEALING

CALHOUN, Ga. (Jan. 29, 1929)—I want to fulfill a promise that I made last Spring, when I had a hurting in my side and our youngest boy was sick and all run down. He has been afflicted most all his life. He has lung trouble and a bad cough. I promised the Lord if He would heal us or just help us I would testify thru the paper. We were not healed, but were helped, for which I thank the Lord. I ask all that pray to pray for us to get complete healing. I know God is able to do all things. I ask the prayers of all the saints that I may live true and get deeper in God's love each day and have more power. I have had the blessing over two years. My daughter requests prayer that she may be healed.—Mrs. Carrie Cantrell.

## Joy Unspeakable

MARIETTA, Ga. (Dec. 6, 1928)—I want to praise the Lord tonight for being saved, and for salvation and the sweet Holy Ghost that still abides. I praise Him for His healing power. Sunday morning I could not sit up for a while, I had such a hurting in my side, and I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would tell it, so I thank God He healed me and I want Him to have the praise for it. You know I'm glad of this good way, it gets sweeter to me every day. My baby has a boil on its neck. I want all who read this to pray for God to heal it. I want to go on with the Savior, He has done so much for me. He healed my little girl of pneumonia in March and I failed to tell it, so I want Him to have all the praise for it. I want everyone who reads this to pray for us that we may do God's will at all times. I just want to say I am glad because He added me to His Church. It is inexpressible to tell of His goodness to us. He blesses in so many ways.—Mrs. Ernest New.